

The Appomattox County Board of Supervisors held a Joint Meeting with the Appomattox School Board on Thursday, March 14, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. in the School Board Office located at 316 Court Street, Appomattox, Virginia.

Appomattox County Board of Supervisors

Present:

Samuel E. Carter
Watkins M. Abbitt
William H. Hogan
Chad E. Millner

Courthouse District, Chairman
Piney Mountain District
Appomattox River District
Falling River District (Vice-Chairman)

Absent:

Bryan A. Moody

Wreck Island District

Also Present:

Susan M Adams, County Administrator
Vicky Phelps, Finance Director

Appomattox County School Board

Bobby Waddell
Greg Smith
Cynthia Hall
Al Jones
Dr. Wendy Hageman Smith

Falling River District, Chairman
Courthouse District, Vice-Chairman
Wreck Island District
Piney Mountain District
Appomattox River District

Also Present:

Annette Bennett, Superintendent
Bruce McMillan- Director of Finance and Human Resources
Brenda Gowin - Clerk to Appomattox County School Board

DISCUSSION

At 6:00 p.m., Chairman Carter called the Appomattox County Board of Supervisors to order. Chairman Waddell then called the Appomattox County School Board to order. He thanked those in attendance and called for a Moment of Silence, which was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Waddell turned the meeting over to Annette Bennett, Superintendent, who provided the Board with the proposed School Board budget for FY-19/20.

In Ms. Bennett's presentation, she stated that the School Board endeavors to submit a balanced budget to the Board of Supervisors by April 1, 2019. She explained that one major factor to consider in budgeting is the composite index. She explained that every two years, the state calculates the composite index, which determines the percentage of funds they believe the locality is able to pay for public services. She stated that currently the composite index is 29.5 percent.

Ms. Bennett stated that the second major factor to consider in budgeting is the average daily membership (ADM). She explained that this is the average number of students that they have enrolled in the school and stated that it is tracked monthly. She explained that the State adjusts the State funding based on the ADM collected in September and March.

Ms. Bennett explained some of the major school division needs for FY-19/20, and then reviewed the revenue from state; federal and local funding that is received.

Following the presentation Ms. Bennett called for questions and comments from members of both boards.

After discussion on the presentation, Ms. Bennett presented/reviewed some draft policies in order to establish policies to govern end of year spending and textbook spending. She reviewed the alternative process for textbook funds and the alternative process for end of year spending, that she and Ms. Adams, County Administrator had worked on collaboratively.

After discussion, it was the consensus of both boards to have their attorneys review each policy and approve before bringing to their Boards for approval.

Mr. Bill Gillespie then came forward and provided both boards with a status update on the proposed High School renovations.

After discussion, questions, and concerns were addressed from both Boards; Mr. Abbitt made a motion to recess at 7:00 p.m. and reconvene at the County Administrators conference room located at 153A Morton Lane, Appomattox, to further discuss the FY-20 budget. Mr. Hogan seconded Mr. Abbitt's motion. Chairman Carter called for a vote: Chairman Carter, aye; Mr. Abbitt, aye; Mr. Hogan, aye; Mr. Millner, aye; Mr. Moody, absent.

The joint meeting with the School Board adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Samuel E. Carter, Chairman